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3 MEXICAN NATIONALS INDICTED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Mexican nationals were indicted by a federal grand jury today for their involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Genero R. Andrade, 32, Cosme D. Minjarez-Rojas, 31, and Gabriela Beltran, 27, all citizens of Mexico living in the Kansas City area, were charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that the co-defendants conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Aug. 17, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Beltran** possessed with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Aug. 16, 2004.

In a notice of special findings, the indictment specifically alleges that **Andrade's** participation involved at least 500 grams but less than 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine. It also is alleged that **Andrade** was an organizer and leader of a criminal activity that involved five or more participants and that he possessed a dangerous firearm during the conspiracy.

The notice of special findings also alleges that **Minjarez-Rojas'** involvement included at least 500 grams but less than 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine. Additionally, the notice of special findings alleges that **Beltran's** participation involved at least five grams but less than 20 grams of methamphetamine.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was

investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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